

## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

2014-2020

The Academy of Music in Krakow carries out a broad range of activities to promote contacts abroad. Our international status is confirmed by membership in two prestigious institutions that bring together higher schools of music: *Association Européenne des Conservatoires* (AEC) and *Association of Baltic Academies of Music* (ABAM). We have been able so far to implement a series of the postulates of the Bologna Declaration, including: diploma supplement, two-cycle educational system, ECTS.

Academy of Music in Krakow contributes in the European Union's modernization and internalization by cooperating with over 90 Institutions, from participating and non – participating countries.

We choose our partners on the basis of the possibilities of cooperation based on the balance between our interests and interests of partner institutions. In choosing partners we take under consideration previous experiences of students and teaching staff and opinions from other partners. The main aspects are: the will of cooperation or mobility of students or academic staff of the sides; teaching level; conditions regarding tuition fees, research and education facilities. We currently develop our collaboration with HEIs, and other institutions and organizations from: EU participating countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey; and from EU – non participating countries: Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, USA, Canada, Chile, South Korea and Japan. We plan to intensify the cooperation with partner institutions in Estonia, India, China, Niger and countries of Latin America and Oceania. Our target groups remain the students and the academic staff. We develop partnerships leading toward cooperation in linking together three areas: education, research and business, in the frames of better cross-border cooperation. The main objectives are: development of didactic methods, research knowledge exchange, and development the visibility on the musical market. On the levels of individual mobility, multilateral didactic and projects and exchanging of research capacities we remain in close collaboration with foreign universities and other institutions of higher education. Our main objectives focus on following fields: musical performance; composition; conducting, theory of music and musical education. However, we currently do not participate in the projects leading to double/multiple nor joint degrees we do not exclude, in the nearest future, the possibility of making a consortium with HEIs from participating and non – participating countries, in order to introduce joint degree studies, and continue building a modern educational system.

We strongly promote international education, research and cultural events. Along with other local institutions we organize international music competitions. Courses, seminars and master-classes, open for foreign students, are being delivered by some of the most eminent artists and scholars from all over the world. We invite to festivals, conferences and symposiums, not only prominent and well known researchers, but also young and talented participants. The Heads of Departments assure the right level of content. The International Cooperation Center, strongly involved in all phases regarding mobility and projects of teaching and training, coordinates, give information, and helps beneficiaries to manage and synchronize all aspects concerning international projects.

The Promotion Office employers make the project visible, and the Financing Office manages the finances.

By the policy of establishing good conditions for multi-cultural professional development of polish and foreign, undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and doctoral students, and academic staff we are in the way of increasing the number of higher education graduates; by inter-institutional knowledge exchange and participation in international programmes for teaching, training and research we are planning, we improve the quality and relevance of teaching and researcher training, equip graduates with the knowledge and core transferable competences they need to succeed in high-skill occupations; By exchanging partnerships, signing new agreements and expanding the areas of collaboration to business area we plan to strengthen the education, research and business to provide more opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad, and to encourage cross-border co-operation to boost higher education performance; By applying the same criteria of enrollment for all prospective students regardless of their gender, disability, ethnic background, race and views, the evaluation of candidates is based solely on their artistic and linguistic abilities and skills. To create effective governance and funding through the mechanisms supporting the excellence, we develop the tools intensifying the policy of excellence, reliability, visibility and promoting teaching and training we implement recognition tools as ECTS; learning, teaching and training agreements, a course catalogue, info packages and www. We plan to continue applying the decisions of the Bologna declaration and to complement this by promoting European dimensions of higher education.